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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Georgia Southern University Institute for Water and Health's Safe Water Together: Science Serving Community project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Georgia Southern University's Institute for Water and Health located at 261 Forest Drive, Veazy Hall, Suite 3000, Statesboro, GA 30460.

The funding would be used for addressing current challenges to water resources posed by the region's rapid population growth and economic development, its aging infrastructure, the longstanding presence of natural and man-made contaminants, and saltwater intrusion into the Floridan aquifer. Safe Water Together thus seeks to apply the latest techniques of water quality diagnostics to better serve the people who live and work in Coastal Georgia. This is in line with NOAA's Georgia Coastal Management Program and will encompass several of the counties included in the program including Bryan, Chatham, and Glynn with the ability to expand depending on investment. Additionally, this project has the support of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division which is the state partner to NOAA for coastal management.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because water security stands as the cornerstone of community sustainability and is therefore inseparable from issues of economic growth, food security, and environmental health. Through the Safe Water Together program the Institute for Water and Health will accomplish key elements of its public impact mission and, by meeting the particular needs of local communities, will provide a template for other public-private partnership solutions to manage the challenges of coastal water resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

*Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter*

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